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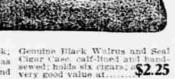
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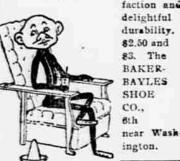
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NAVY'S INTEREST IS AROUSED.

To Make Tests With Torpedoes

Washington, May 24.-Patensive tests with various types of torpedoes will be began by the savy next month at New-port and Sag Harbor.

Russo-Japanese War has aroused in-creased interest in the navies of all na-tions, and the competition will be keener than ever to perfect an efficient torpedo for naval use. The remarkable torpedo work in the

Verdict Against Suburban.

Gertrude Senf obtained judgment in Judge Foster's division of the Circuit Court yester's division of the Circuit Court yesterday against the St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company for \$2.690 for Injuries sustained October 4, 1902 in getting off a car at King's highway. The ground had been excayated and she fell into a hole. Her right limb was injured, she alleged.

\$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4 and \$5.

A. C. HOLMES OF KANSAS WINS PIGEON WING TROPHY.

Shoots 25 Birds in Feature Event of Second Day of Missouri State Shoot.

was the feature of the second day at the Missouri State shoot, which is being hel at Du Pont Park. This event was wo by A. C. Holmes of Kansas City. made the total number of twenty-five birds, and only used the double barre Three shots were tied for second place was 30 yards, Elliott's the same distance

Mermod's 31, and Powers's 33. Out of the twenty-five birds, Elliott w.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Paducah, Ky., May 21.—This was the hottest day of the year. The Government thermometer registered 58.

The shoot for the Pigeon Wing Troph fourteen times out of the quarter hundred each having a total of twenty-four. Also Mermod, Powers and Elliott were thos-that made 24 birds. Holmes's handles,

only required to use the double barrel or nine occasions, making a total of twenty four birds.

Harlow Spencer and Alec Mermod of St.
Louis and J. E. Finley of Kansas City are
tied for first place. In the State shoot.
These shots will try to-day for the places.
They will shoot in strings of five the they
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shoot and target events will make up the programme for to-day. The amateur championship of the world will be shot off The scores in the Pigeon Wing Troph

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VISITATION ACADEMY COMMENCEMENT HELD EARLY BECAUSE OF THE FAIR.

Sisters Preparing to Entertain Former Pupils Who Will Visit St. Louis During the Summer Months.

Decause of the World's Fair, the annual closing exercises of the Visitation Academy took place yesterday at that institution. Cabanne, some three weeks earlier

The Most Reverend Archbishop J. J. Glennon, a few priests and the immediate relatives of the members of the graduating class were the only invited guests, the affair being considered of a private

One of the features of the programm was a recitation, "Mary Stuart," by Miss Alice Brennan, which all conceded was rendered in a most artistic manner and won many compliments. Miss Brennan is a member of the graduating class and received the gold medal for the highest average in Latin and several honors for proficiency in English studies.

The programme opened with the march

Marcia," by Raft, which was rendered by Miss Allie Gnuchan, planist, and the Misses Isabel von Phul, Guesie Schwartz, Ampare Castillon, violinists. The con-ferring of honors in the senior departient followed. Miss Blanche Waters recited "The Tempest." by Dickers, while the Misses Kitty Gibbons and Winnie o'Posnelli gave a dramatic reading from "As You Like It." This was followed by the conferring of honors in the internediate department.

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and graduating medals; valedictory, Miss Abbie
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The following awards were given in the graduating classes:

Gold medal for the completion of the course in plane department awarded to Miss Annis Long. St. Louis.

Diploma and gold medal for the completion of the entire English course awarded to Miss Abbie T. Tersen, Sonora, Tex.: Miss Margaret Adele Blong, St. Louis; Mabel McGlanis, Alton, Ili; Miss Altos Brennan, St. Louis; Miss Sara Aloysia Degnan, Wilburton, I. T., Miss Klittle Gibbons, Paris, Tex.; Miss Winifred O'Doniell, St. Louis; Miss Blanche Waters, St. Louis; Miss Blanche Waters, St. Louis.

neil. St. Louis; Miss Blanche Waters, St. Louis.

In the senior department the prize for 'indelity to rules' was captured by Miss Abbie Tesson. The gold medal for attendance was won by Miss Margaret Hawk. The O'Brien competition medal in Christian dostrine (presented by the Reverend J. J. O'Brien) was awarded to Miss Mabel McGinnis. The gold medal for scholarship in the first senior class was awarded to Miss Estelle McCarthy, in the second class to Miss Beniah John-



MISS ALICE BRENNAN. Who was yesterday graduated Visitation Academy.

son, in the third class to Miss Mamle Brennan. Other previouss awarded were Composition — Graduating class: Gold medial awarded Miss Mabel McGinnis. Premium for highest average in first sentor class awarded to Miss Nancy Naunheim

Premium in second senior class awarded Miss Coga Berry. of Miss (6ga Berry.

Premium in third senior class awarded Miss Merry Mason.

Latin-For highest average in graduating class, premium awarded to Misses Abble Tessen and Alice Brennan.

Premium in first senior class awarded Misses Nancy Naumelm and Estelle McCarthy.

Premium in third senior class awarded Misses Mamie Bremian and Marie

ed Misses Mamie Brennan and Marie Sweeney.

Fenmanship-Premium for greatest improvement in graduating class merited by Miss Hanche Waters.

In his address to the graduates the Archbishop took for his text the motio of the class. "Be Just and Fear Not," and elaborated on the idea of justice.

At the class of the exercises benediction of the blessed sacrament was given in the chapel by his Grace, assisted by the Reverend Pathers J. S. Hoeschen, M. J. Deimey, J. J. O'Brien and P. J. Kearney.

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The sisters expect to entertain many of their former pupils, who will visit the World's Faid during the summer, and accordingly, classes will not be resumed until next October.

RECOGNIZE BUT ONE PLEA FOR DIVORCE

Methodists in General Conference Reject Desertion and Cruelty as Not Reasonable Grounds.

ELEVEN EDITORS ELECTED.

St. Louis Is Included Among the Sixteen Cities in Which the Bishops Shall Re

Los Angeles, Cal., May 24.—The morning session of the Methodist General Confermon, was taken up in balloting for the editors of the eleven church publications and hearing the report of the Committee on the Consolidation of Benevolent Soleties of the Church. The committee recnmends that the several benevolent sonetics shall be consolidated into three

under the following corporate names: First, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church; second, the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal hurch; and third, the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or the Board of Education. Freedmen's and Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal Conference cas the General may determine).

GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE. The question as to what shall constitute the recognized grounds for divorce was Deteritor (30-0 211 22 10 2 2 2 2 2 2 the cause of a spirited contest to-day ablest delegates in the conference took active part. After hours of discussion, in which arguments were made urging the enctioning of two or three distinct causes as legitimate grounds for divorce, the committee finally voted to make the

EDITORS ELECTED.

The election of editors of church publicaview, W. V. Kelly; Christian Advocate, J.

With Thanksgiving October 30. Buffalo, N. Y., May 24.-The work of the Presbyterian General Convention consisted

Buffalo, N. Y., May 24.—The work of the Presbytorian General Convention consisted of a consideration of home missions, the report of the standing committee being presented by the Reverend John F. Carson of Brooklyn, chairman of the committee. The report dwell upon the desirability of the Presbyterian Church pursuing a more systematic course in the matter of funds for home missions and advocated a union of efforts among the church to that end. The necessity of extending home mission work was emphasized with particular reference to strengthening the work among the Mormons.

A matter of general interest is the conclusion reached by the committee appointed by the last General Assembly to raise \$12,000,000 with which to endow colleges, especially the weaker ones in the West. The report recommends the union of the Board of Aid for Colleges and the Endowment Committee under the name of "college board." and the removal of the headquarters of the board from Chicago to New York.

Reports show the amount of money received this year was \$20,606. The amount needed for next year's work is \$1,00,000.

The report says that arrangements have been made by an interdenominational commission to celebrate the centennial of the Louisiana Purchase at St. Louis October 30, as a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing for what has been done "in bringing the West to the knowledge and obedience of Jesos Christ, and a day of consecration to renewed efforts to carry on the work so gloriously begun."

A special meeting was held to consider the effect of the war in the far East upon Christian missionary work.

This evening there was a popular meeting of the commissioners at the Central Presbyterian Church. The topic of the meeting was "The Louisiana Purchase Celebration and the Influence It Has Had on Christianity."

tion to Violation of Rules.

The Board of Directors of the World's Pair issued an order yesterday that single admission passes to the Exposition are for

Sates. The pass slips are similar in form to those issued for press purposes prior to the Exposition's opening, only the misused ones are of different color, and were probably issued through some department other than the Division of Press and Publicity.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOR UNION. Methodist Protestant Conference Ap-

points Committee of Fifteen.

Washington, May 21.—With enthasiastic approval the Methodist Protestant Conference to-day received the proposition for church union embracing their denomination, the Congregationalists and the United Brethren. A committee of fifteen delegates was appointed to take the matter under immediate consideration, that decisive action may be taken before the end of the conference.

The conference unanimously indorsed the interchurch movement for uniform laws of marriage and divorce, and authorized a committee of three to represent the denomination in this regard. points Committee of Fifteen.

Reception to Mrs. O. C. Shedd. has just returned from the International Sunday-School Convention, which met in Jerusalem. The reception is under the auspices of the Toron's Union.

crime of adultery the sole legal reason, for separation to be recognized by the church. Final desertion and extreme crueity were the additional grounds that were urged for adoption as a part of the discipline, but these were opposed by a majority of the committee.

The resolution on Mormonism, which will be presented to the conference is brief and asias Congress to enact a constitutional amendment that will make impossible certain practices of Mormonism in any part of the United States or in any country subject to its jurisdiction.

EDITORS ELECTED.

tions resulted as follows: Methodist. Re-

view, W. V. Kelly; Christlan Advocate, J. M. Buckley, New York; Western Christlan Advocate, Levi Gilbert; Northwestern Christlan Advocate, D. D. Thompson, Central Christlan Advocate, C. B. Spencer, Pittsburg Christlan Advocate, C. W. Smith, Pittsburg; Southwestern Christlan Advocate, B. E. Jones; Pacific Christlan Advocate, D. L. Raifer, Tacoma; Christlan Apologist, A. J. Nast, and Haus and Herd, Frederick Munz.

A special report from the Episcopacy Committee, recommending the following places as the Episcopal vesidence for the sixteen Bishops was adopted; New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Nasbville, Buffalo, Christmati, Chattanooga, St. Louis, Chicago, Minnespolls, Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Zurich, Switzerland, Buenos Ayres and Shanghai.

DISCUSS ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR.

Presbyterians Decide to Celebrate

MISUSING SINGLE PASSES. World's Fair Birectors Call Atten-

single persons, not entire families.

The returns from the gate boxes showed that some persons had misused the single pass slips given to them, and that instead of one person being admitted on these complimentary slips, there were instances were two and three persons got within the

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GROWTH OF CROPS IS SLOW.

Illinois Farmers Delayed by Wet Condition of Soil. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Springfield, Ill., May 24.-Summarizing the climate and crop conditions for the week ending May Z. William G. Burns. director of the Illinois section of the Weather Bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, says in his bulletin issued to-day:

The temperature was low during the first half

district, and fair in the content at the last-named districts.

Wheat continues to improve, and it is beginning to head in the southern district. Bye is making good growth the latter part of the week, under the influence of warm sunshine, to the condition of fruit are conflicting. It is believed, however, that the outlook for apples is good, for cherries, pairs and plums fair, and for peaches, very post. It is reported that there will be some peaches in a few localities of the southern portion. Strauberies are abundant and ripering rapidly, tardens are growing slowly, as are potatoes; examinemals replanting has been done.

The report shows the following condi-

The report shows the following condi-tions prevailed in Southern Bilinois: Laturate, west raises—Weather too cool for growing crees some progress in corn planting, meadows and pastures doing fairly well, general complaint that apples are dropping from treat—1. C. Walter. Meadows, pastures and total in the condition; wheat fair, some corn Franklin, Frankrett-Meadows, pastures and oets in fine condition; wheat fair, some corn planted; apples dropping-8. E. Horrell.

Lawrence, Sumner-Not much progress in corn planted; apples dropping-8. E. Horrell.

Lawrence, Sumner-Not much progress in corn planting on account of cold, wet weather; fields planted are coming up insvenly; meadows and pardens heckward; apple prospect poor.—P. W. Binki.

Massac, Round Knots-Wheat in time condition; clover good; meadows rair; one-half the contribution and earliest coming up, potance and gardens fair; the cost weather has greatly benefited wheat, the cost weather has greatly benefited wheat, the cost weather has greatly benefited wheat, but poor; pastures in fair condition; peaches good on high land, but none essenters, apples a fallure, markens inte, early polations late, but over late.—J. K. Floyd.

Philasett, Villa Ridge-Heavy rain first of week delayed farm work an low land; corn coming up well, and is good stand on all drained and, wheat and grass fine; prospect for large strawherty crop—W. R. Crain.

Wayne, Cime-Corn planting begun, but owing to wet weather most of it is yet to do; some early fields must be replaced, but on heat has improved, oats and all grasses doing well, and protatoes fair prospect for fruit.—W. H. Mix.

White, Entitled—Cool weather and rain retard—

mine early fields must be replanted, wheat has improved outs and all grasses delay well, also polations; fair prospect for fruit.—W. H. Mix.

White, Endeld—Ched weather and rain retarded farm work, no corn planted as yet; oaks doing well; pastures fair, applies will be scarce; late apple trees loaded; praches enough for home consumption. Tim briscoil.

Williamson, Day-Fire weather is improving wheat but the crop will still be less than haif an average large yield of pencies in prospect.—Charles Lance.

CONDITIONS IN MISSOURI.

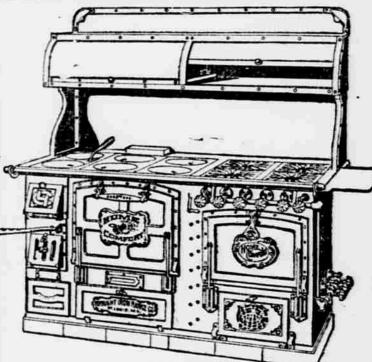
Warmer Weather Helps Crops Which

Columbia, Mo., May 24.-The following report on crop and climatic conditions in Missouri was issued to-day by the United States Department of Agriculture:

Unreasonably cost weather continued through-out the Slate until the lith, but during the last three days of the week the temperature was above the normal. The precipitation exceeded above the normal. The precipitation exceeded I inch in some of he central counties, but over the greater portion of the State was comparatively light. In most sections of the State rains of the lith and lith left the ground to work to work during the first the ground to work to work during the first half of the week. But during the latter half not progress was made as a man every farming operations were moved by at a standard throughout the week. In a tumber of the southwestern ask a few of the southwestern counties corn is practically all planted, and planting is from one-half to two-thirds completed in nearly all counties went, central and extreme southwestern, where only a small acrease has yet been planted. North of the river planting is about our-during time of the State as a whole about one-half of the cross it may only just begun. For the State as a whole about one-half of the cross it is not only in the health of the counties nuch of the ground themselved for conhard the confidence in the many of the contral and northern counties from one-fourth to three-fourths is yet to be plawed in the northern counties much off will be listed. Much of the ground has been broken, but in many of the central and northern counties from one-fourth to three-fourths in yet to be played in the northern counties much off will be listed. Much of the ground has been worked while too wet and is in poor cundition for planting. There is nuch complaint that corn is coming up sowily and that the stands are poor and a large amount of replanting will be free-says.

Corn that is up has made two grown heavy condition of a masking that the contral and is greatly in just of warmin and the southern counties, some had a large and the planting has not been completed in the southern counties, some had planting that corn is some localities and income in some districts by the cold and wit we wather, and looks yellow, but in most counties, is not proved in some districts by the cold and wit weather, and looks yellow, but in most counties it con I inch in some of he central counties, but over the greater portion of the State was compara-

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Miss Ivy Langham Weds Viscomte de Faramond.

Washington, May 24 .- In the presence of Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Rossevelt, the Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay, the entire Diplomatic Corps, the Admiral of the Navy and Mrs. Dewey, and a few officers who were present as the official representatives of the American Navy, Miss Ivy Lang-ham, the sieter of the Baroness Speck von Sternburg, the German Ambassadress, was welded to-day to Lieutenant Commander the Viscomte de Faramond, the naval at-tache of the French Embassy. The cere-mony was performed in St. Mathew's Ro-man Catholic Church. The Viscomte de Faramond and his bride departed in the aftermen for New York. They will sail to-morrow for France.

LEHU-BYERS. Pana, Ill. May 24.-Miss Sadie Byers as Mr. Frank Lehu were matried here to-day. DUMOLT-FITZSIMMONS. Marshall, Mo., May M., George C. Dumsh of Karsas City and Miss Margle Pittstmmons of Marshall were married here to-day.

MAPES-HARDIN, Nevoda Mo. May 18 - Joseph S. Mapes and Miss Saille Hardin were married here to-day. The grown is 33 and the bride 59 years of age. FREUND-OFFTER. Waterloo, III. May 18 - Phillip Freund and Miss Cathurine Oether were married here to-

Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Hay Faver by the BENSON IZER.

New Ministerial Organization.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL Duquela, Ill., May 24.—The Southern IIlineis Ministerial School of Instruction, a new Baptist organization, embracing the whole of Southern Illinois, began a ten days' session at Ewing to-day. The idea was formulated only recently by Doctor W. P. Throgmerton of this city and others and the present meeting is the first test of it. Doctor Throgmorton is one of the instructors.

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